(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in Haryana and Delhi circles, some complaints of violation of the TRAI guidelines of address proof have been registered;

(c) whether 2000 connections were issued illegally in this manner by almost all the service providers;

(d) if so, whether it is not a breach of national security; and

(e) what steps been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (e) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has not issued norms for the verification of address of mobile subscribers. As per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and very customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to all the service providers. This includes obtaining poof to identity and address from the subscribers.

It was brought to the notice of DoT that the mobile service providers are generally not complying with the requirement of subscriber verification. DoT carried out special drive to check this in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and the State of Haryana. It was observed that all the service providers in these places are not fully complying with the instructions on subscriber verification.

Notices have been issued to concerned service providers in the above areas to disconnect such connections that have been provided without proper verification and also to explain why action should not be taken against them for not complying with the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement.

Screening of Indian Films in Pakistan

*71. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Pakistan has banned the transmission of some Indian TV. channels in that country;

(b)-if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has allowed the screening of some of the Indian feature in their country; and

(d) if so, the names of such films and the terms and conditions imposed by Pakistan for screening these Indian films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pakistan has banned the transmission of Indian TV Channels in Pakistan. The ban on Indian news channels is strictly enforced, in particular.

(c) and (d) The Pakistan Film Censor Board recently permitted public screening in Pakistan of the Indian films "Taj Mahal" and "Mughal-e-Azam". This was stated to be a one time exception. Financial proceeds from the screenings were stated to be utilised for the victims of the earthquake of 8th October, 2005.

Road accidents

†*72. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of road accidents on National and State Highways has increased and whether these accidents usually happen due to trucks;

(b) whether generally those truck drivers who drive the trucks after consuming alcohol and drive throughout the night are responsible for it;

(c) whether due to the absence of any stringent law in this regard, drivers commit such negligence;

(d) whether Government intend to bring a bill to make stringent law to check these accidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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